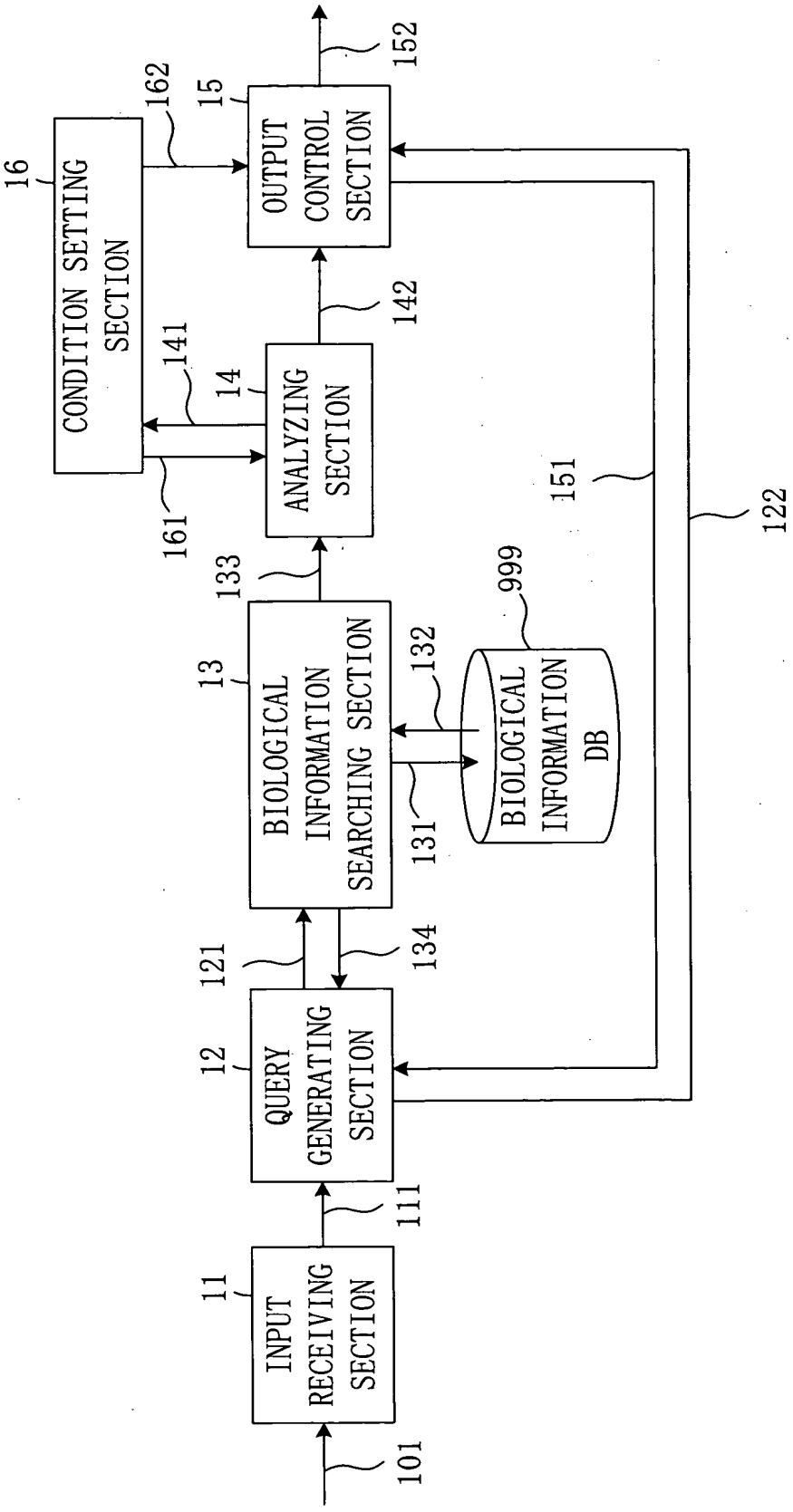

FIG. 1

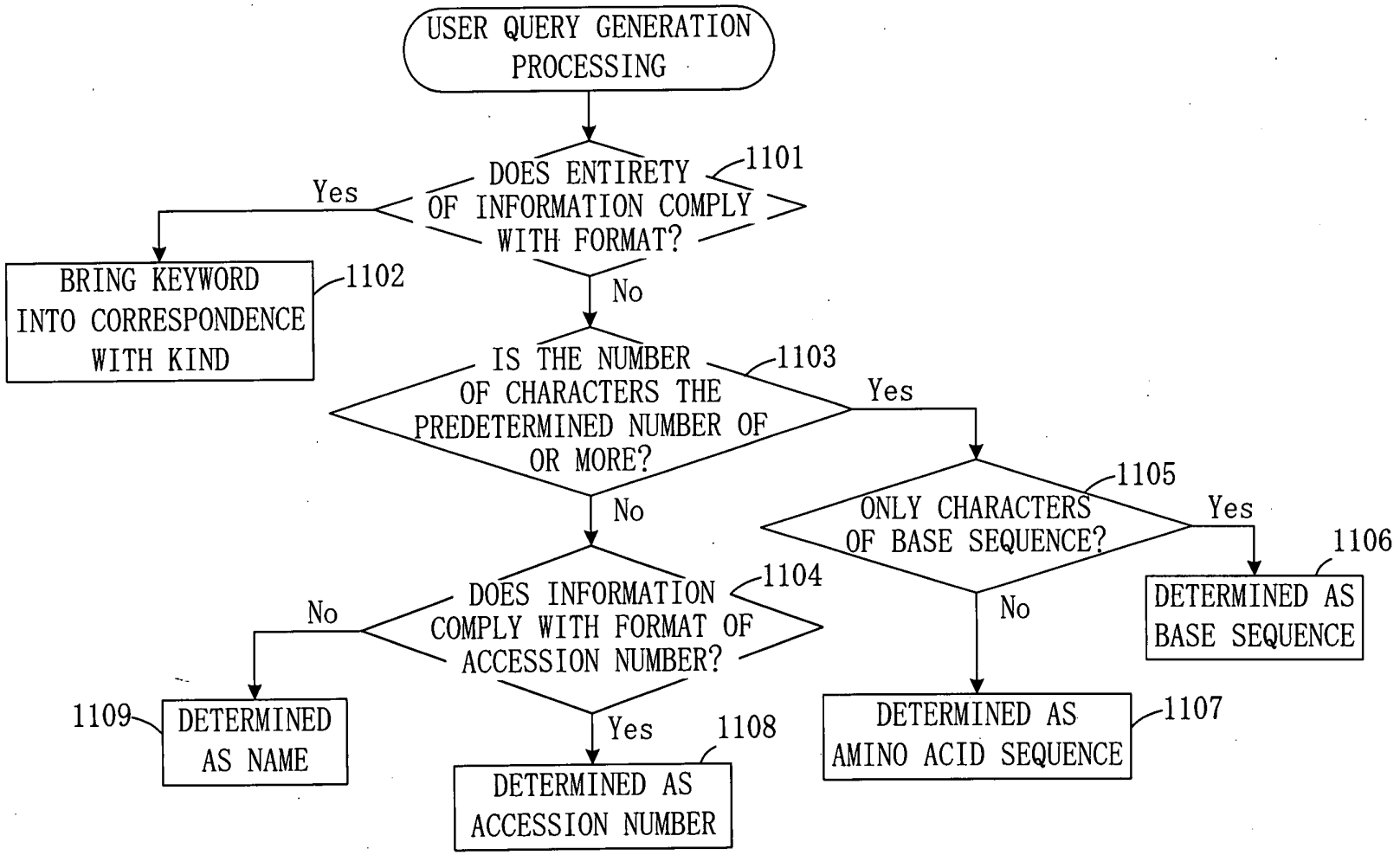

FIG. 2

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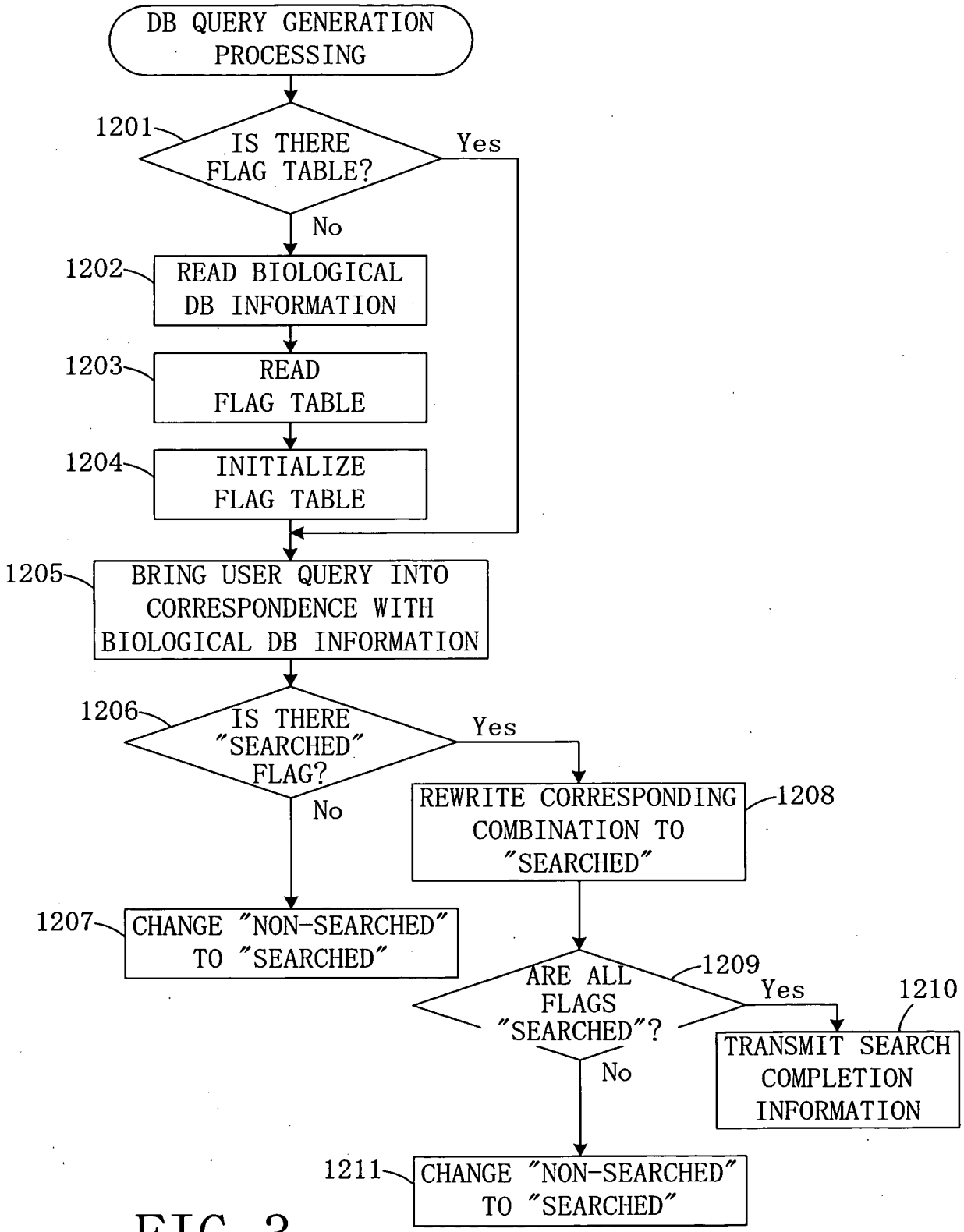
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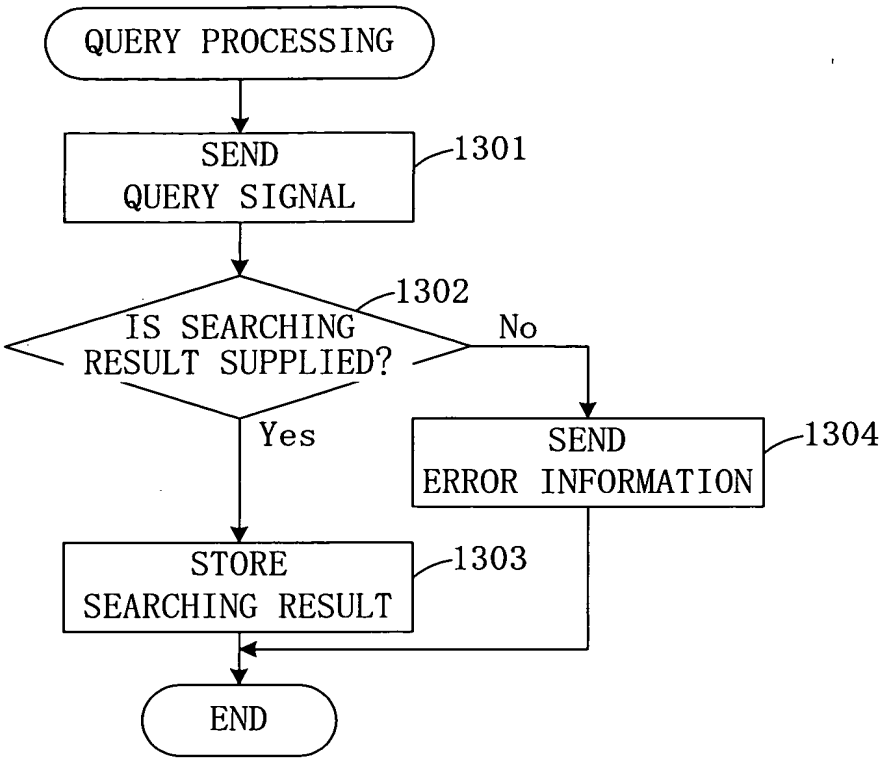
1201
IS THERE FLAG TABLE?
Yes
No
1202
READ BIOLOGICAL DB INFORMATION
1203
READ FLAG TABLE
1204
INITIALIZE FLAG TABLE
1205
BRING USER QUERY INTO CORRESPONDENCE WITH BIOLOGICAL DB INFORMATION
1206
IS THERE "SEARCHED" FLAG?
Yes
No
1208
REWRITE CORRESPONDING COMBINATION TO "SEARCHED"
1207
CHANGE "NON-SEARCHED" TO "SEARCHED"
1209
ARE ALL FLAGS "SEARCHED"?
Yes
No
1210
TRANSMIT SEARCH COMPLETION INFORMATION
1211
CHANGE "NON-SEARCHED" TO "SEARCHED"

FIG. 3


QUERY PROCESSING
SEND QUERY SIGNAL
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IS SEARCHING RESULT SUPPLIED?
1302
No
Yes
SEND ERROR INFORMATION
1304
STORE SEARCHING RESULT
1303
END

FIG. 4

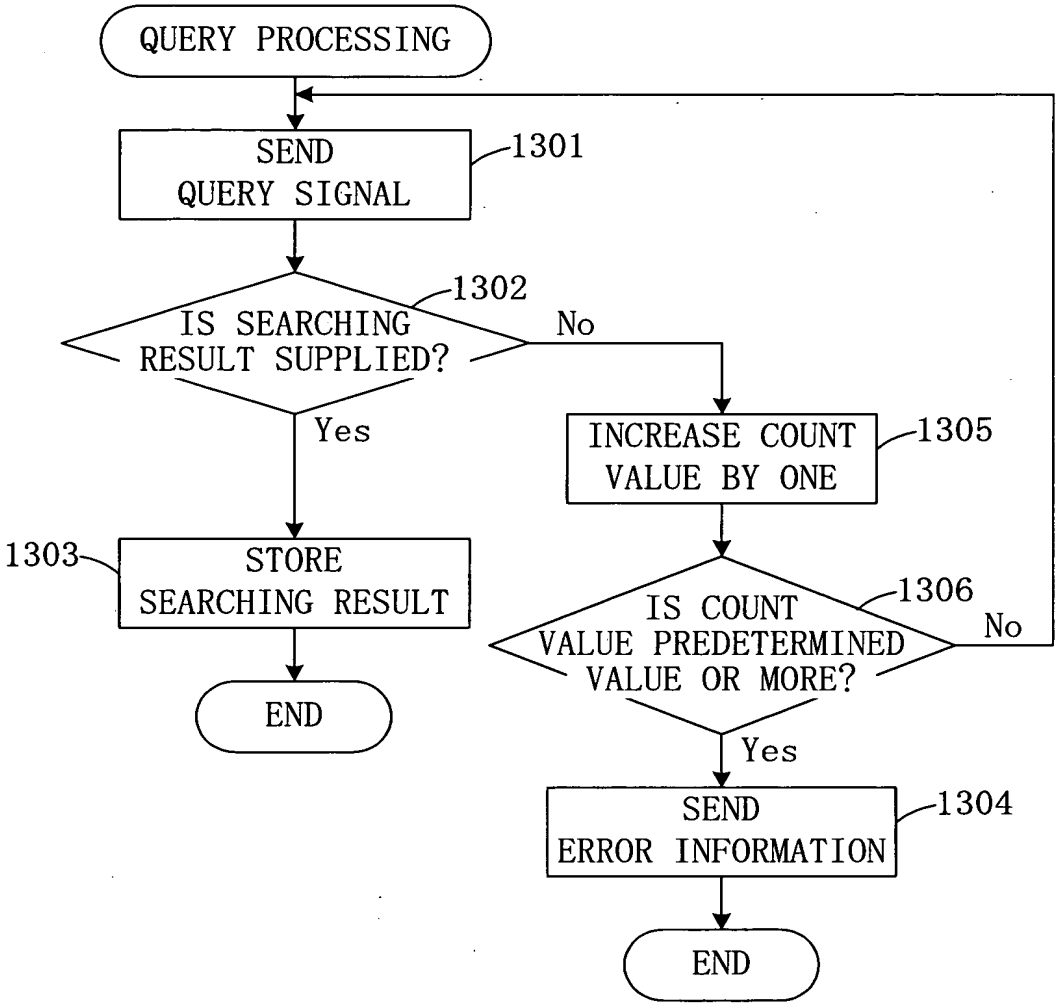
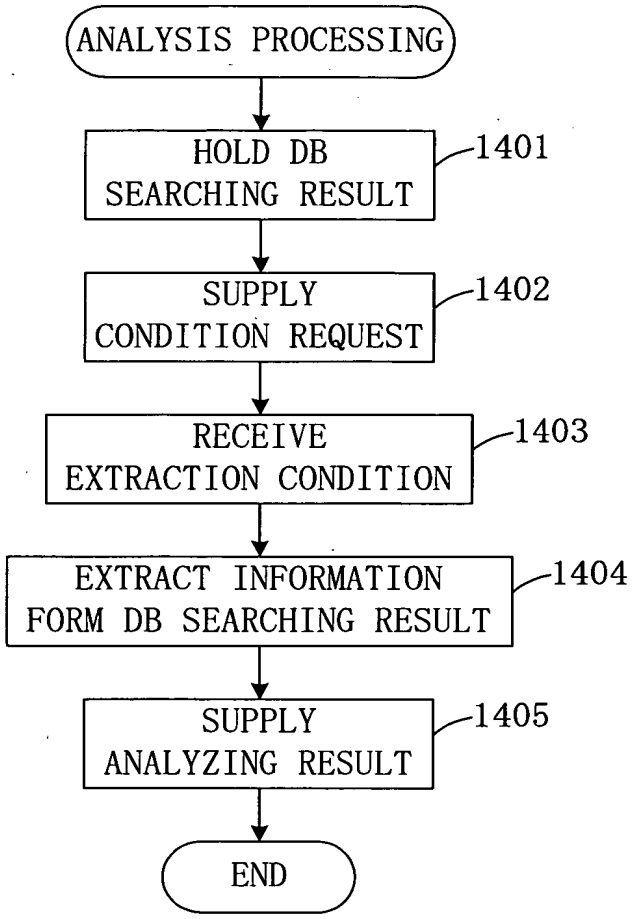

QUERY PROCESSING
SEND QUERY SIGNAL
1301
IS SEARCHING RESULT SUPPLIED?
1302
No
Yes
INCREASE COUNT VALUE BY ONE
1305
1303
STORE SEARCHING RESULT
IS COUNT VALUE PREDETERMINED VALUE OR MORE?
1306
No
END
Yes
SEND ERROR INFORMATION
1304
END

FIG. 5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SUPPLY CONDITION REQUEST
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RECEIVE EXTRACTION CONDITION
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EXTRACT INFORMATION FORM DB SEARCHING RESULT
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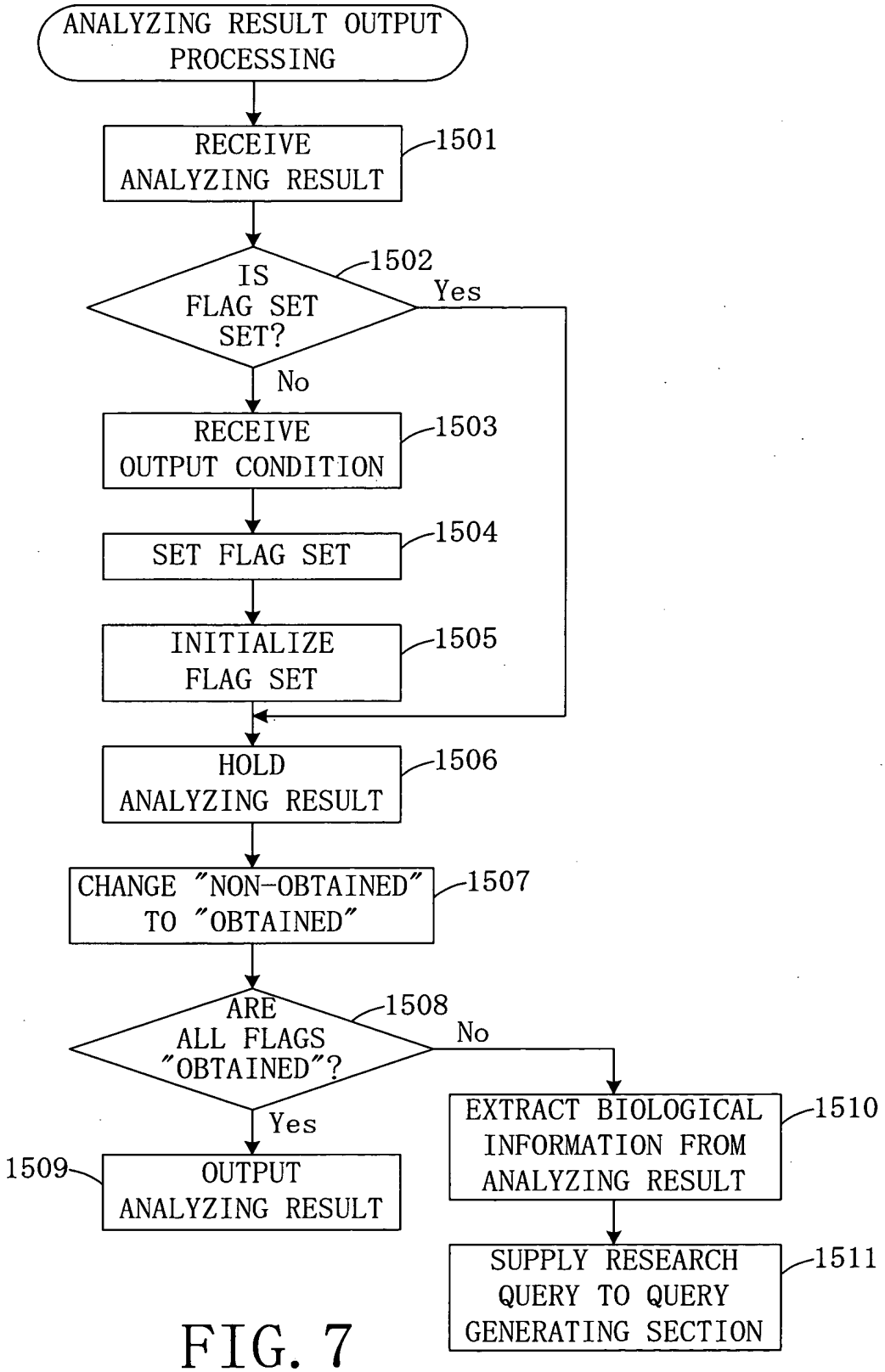
SUPPLY ANALYZING RESULT
1405
END

FIG. 6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RECEIVE ANALYZING RESULT
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IS FLAG SET SET?
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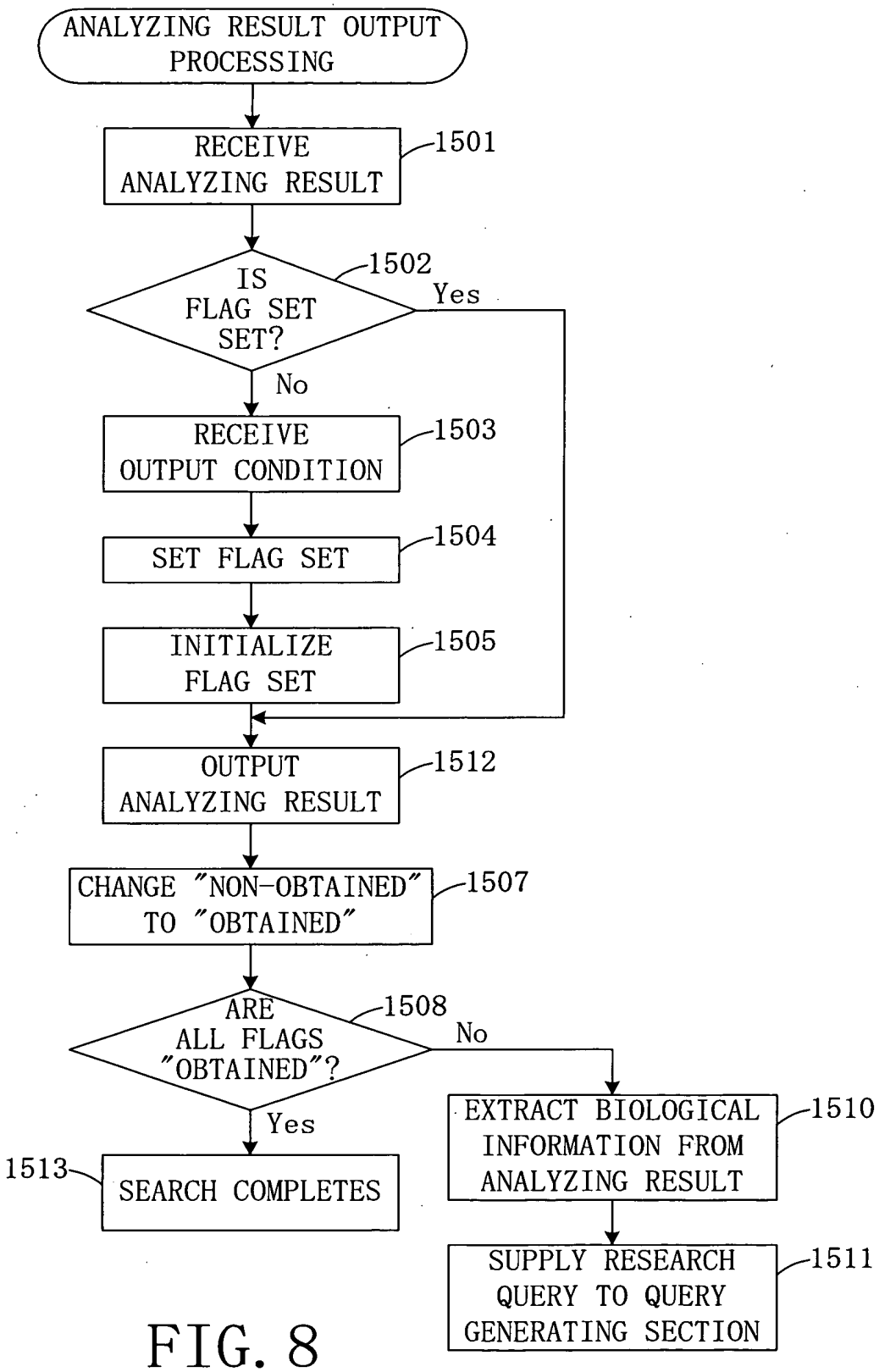
Yes
No
RECEIVE OUTPUT CONDITION
1503
SET FLAG SET
1504
INITIALIZE FLAG SET
1505
HOLD ANALYZING RESULT
1506
CHANGE "NON-OBTAINED" TO "OBTAINED"
1507
ARE ALL FLAGS "OBTAINED"?
1508
No
Yes
OUTPUT ANALYZING RESULT
1509
EXTRACT BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION FROM ANALYZING RESULT
1510
SUPPLY RESEARCH QUERY TO QUERY GENERATING SECTION
1511

FIG. 7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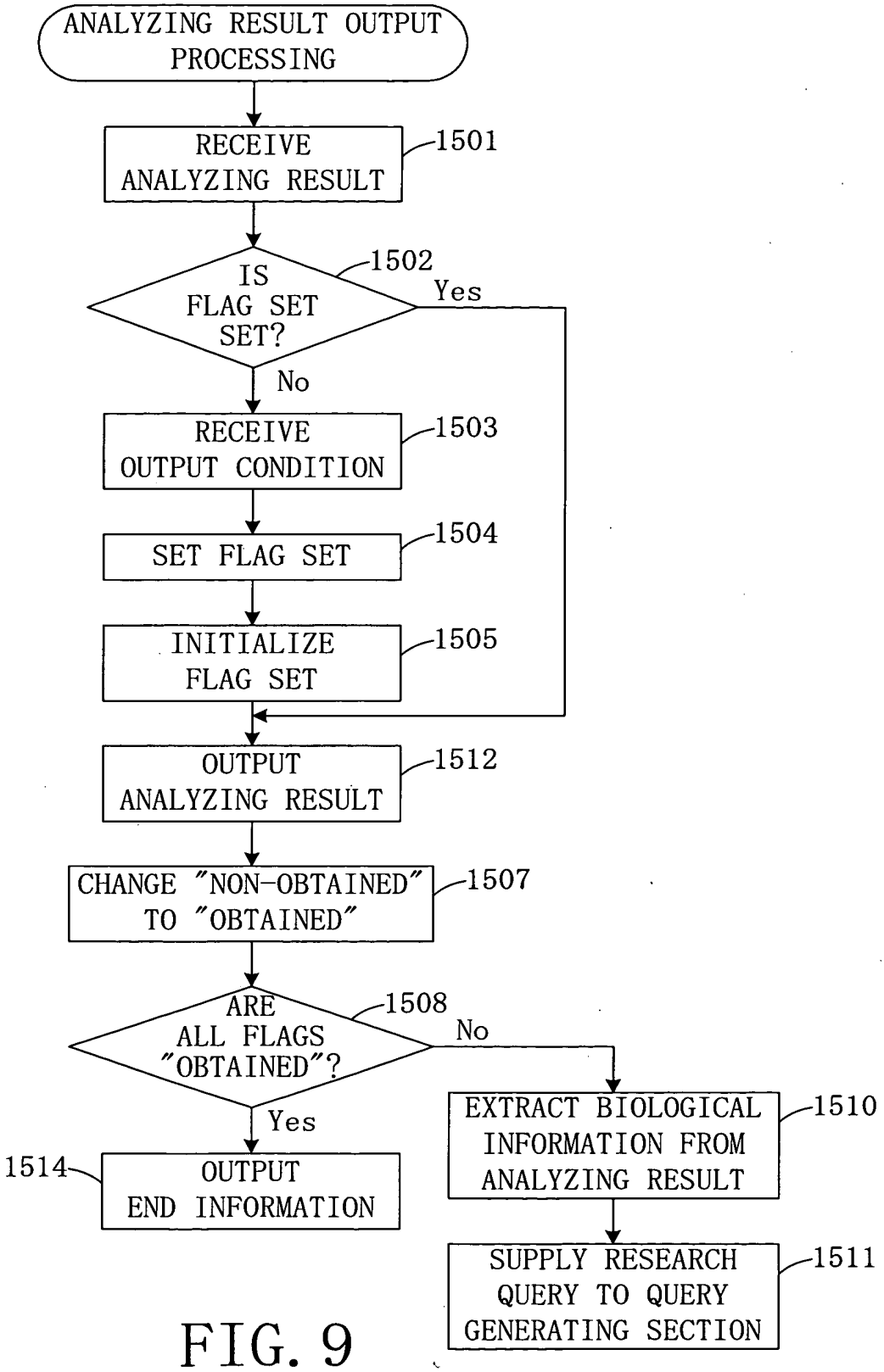
RECEIVE ANALYZING RESULT
1501
IS FLAG SET SET?
1502
Yes
No
RECEIVE OUTPUT CONDITION
1503
SET FLAG SET
1504
INITIALIZE FLAG SET
1505
OUTPUT ANALYZING RESULT
1512
CHANGE "NON-OBTAINED" TO "OBTAINED"
1507
ARE ALL FLAGS "OBTAINED"?
1508
No
Yes
EXTRACT BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION FROM ANALYZING RESULT
1510
SUPPLY RESEARCH QUERY TO QUERY GENERATING SECTION
1511
1513
SEARCH COMPLETES

FIG. 8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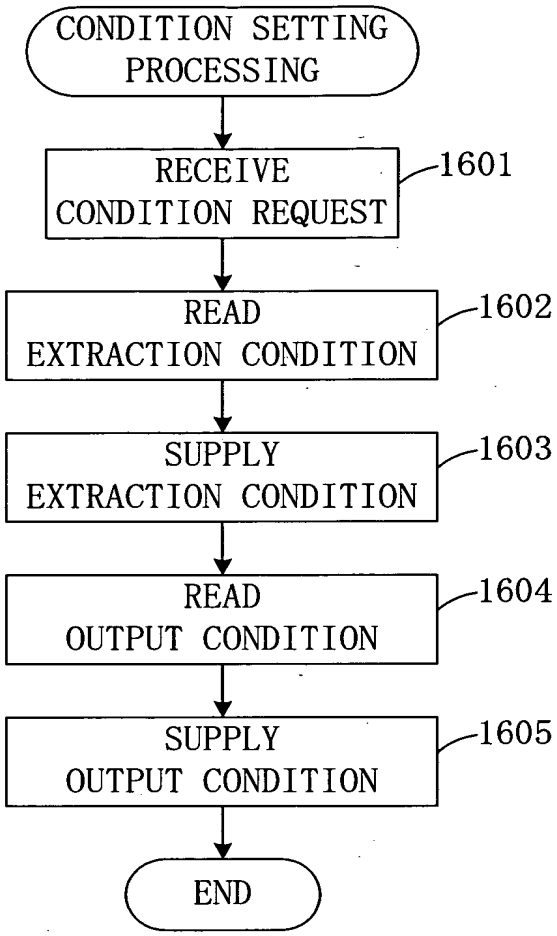
RECEIVE ANALYZING RESULT
1501
IS FLAG SET SET?
1502
Yes
No
RECEIVE OUTPUT CONDITION
1503
SET FLAG SET
1504
INITIALIZE FLAG SET
1505
OUTPUT ANALYZING RESULT
1512
CHANGE "NON-OBTAINED" TO "OBTAINED"
1507
ARE ALL FLAGS "OBTAINED"?
1508
No
Yes
EXTRACT BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION FROM ANALYZING RESULT
1510
SUPPLY RESEARCH QUERY TO QUERY GENERATING SECTION
1511
OUTPUT END INFORMATION
1514

FIG. 9


CONDITION SETTING PROCESSING
RECEIVE CONDITION REQUEST
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READ EXTRACTION CONDITION
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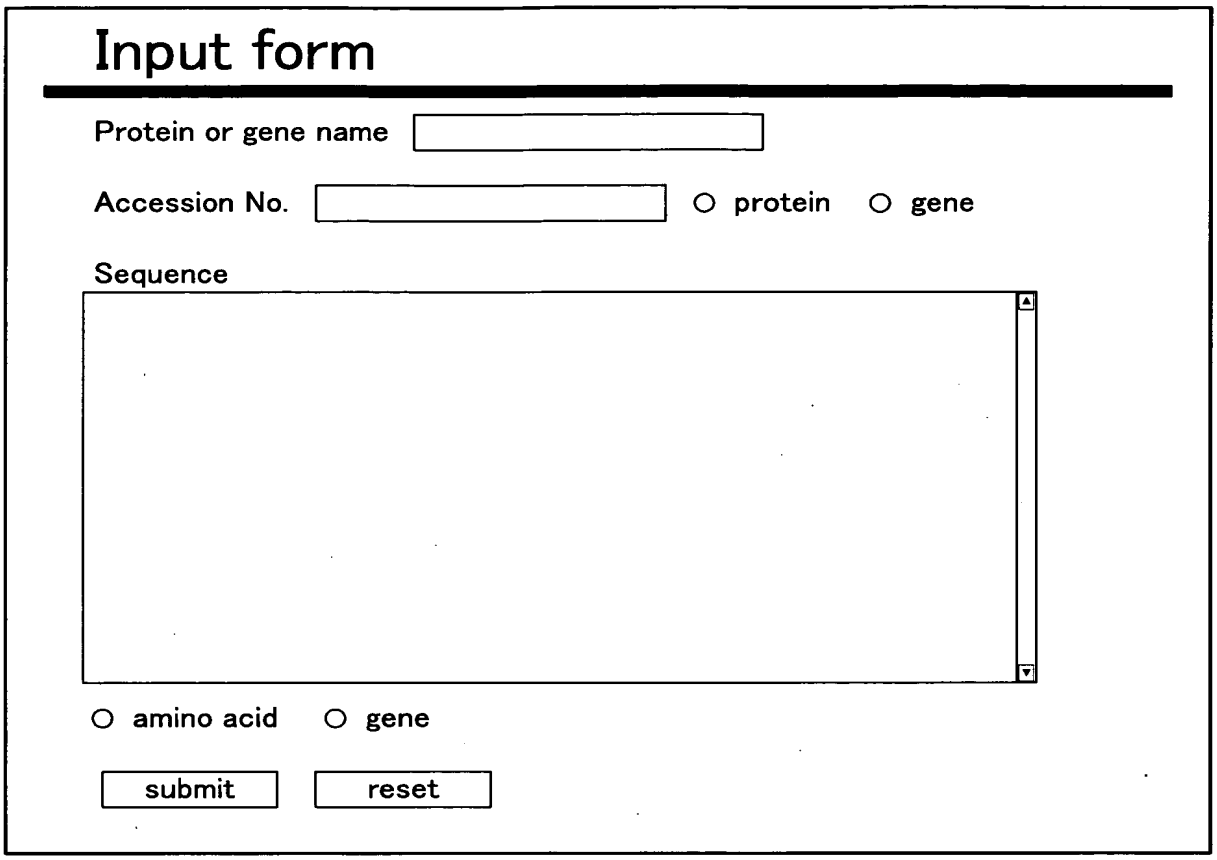
SUPPLY EXTRACTION CONDITION
1603
READ OUTPUT CONDITION
1604
SUPPLY OUTPUT CONDITION
1605
END

FIG. 10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gene
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amino acid
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FIG. 11

EXTRACT AS BYNAME

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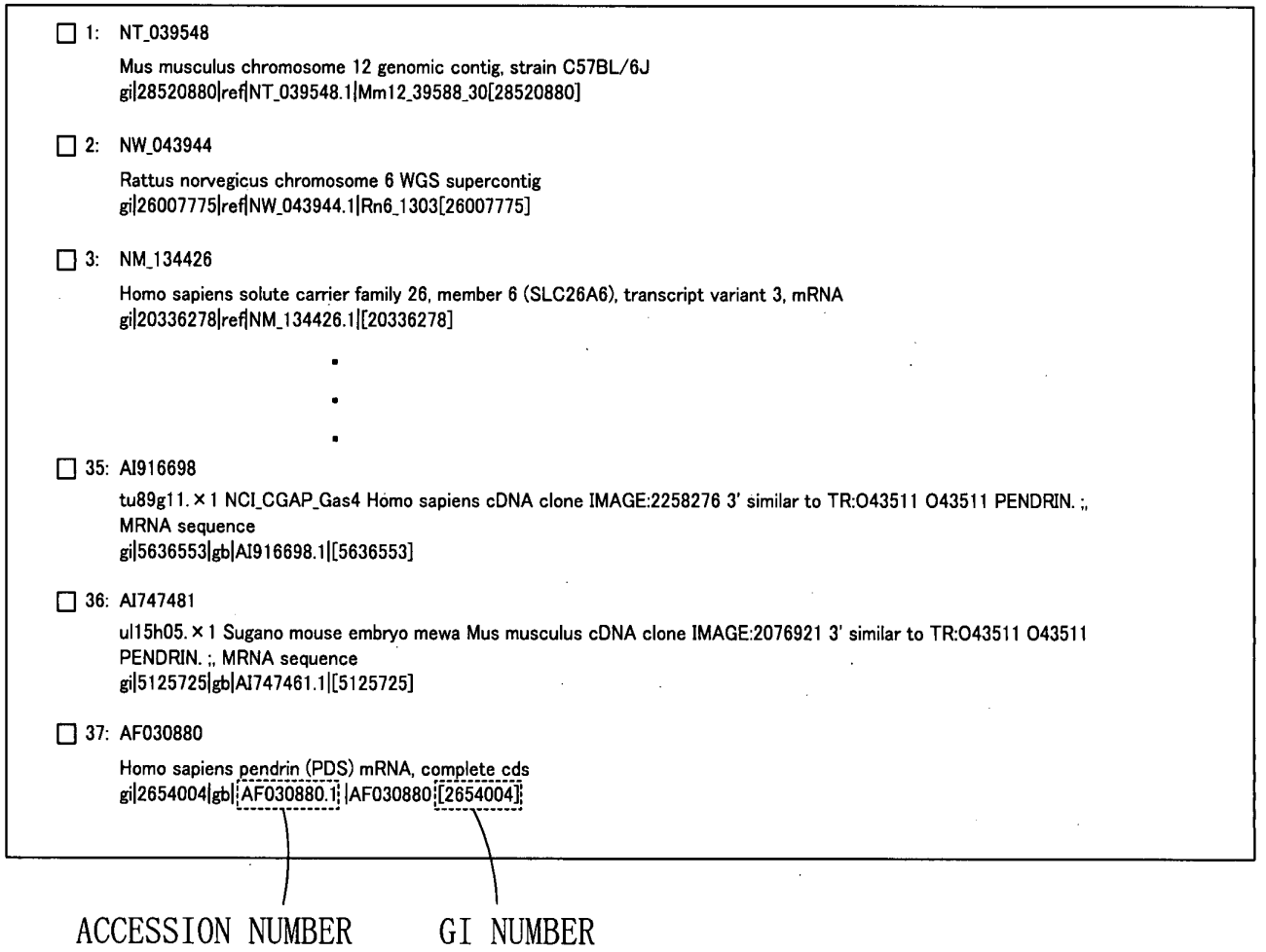
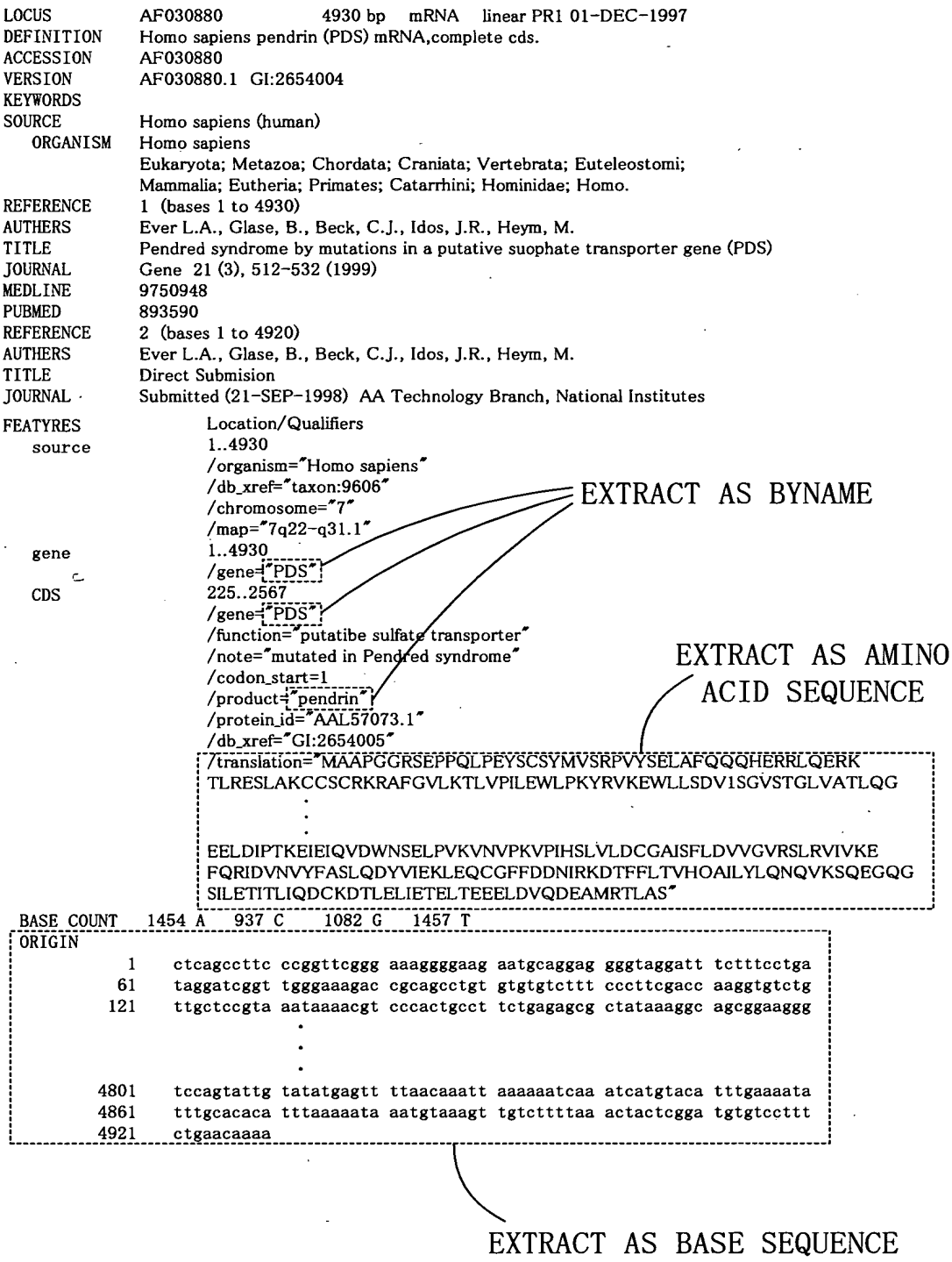


FIG. 13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JOURNAL Gene 21 (3), 512-532 (1999)
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FIG. 14

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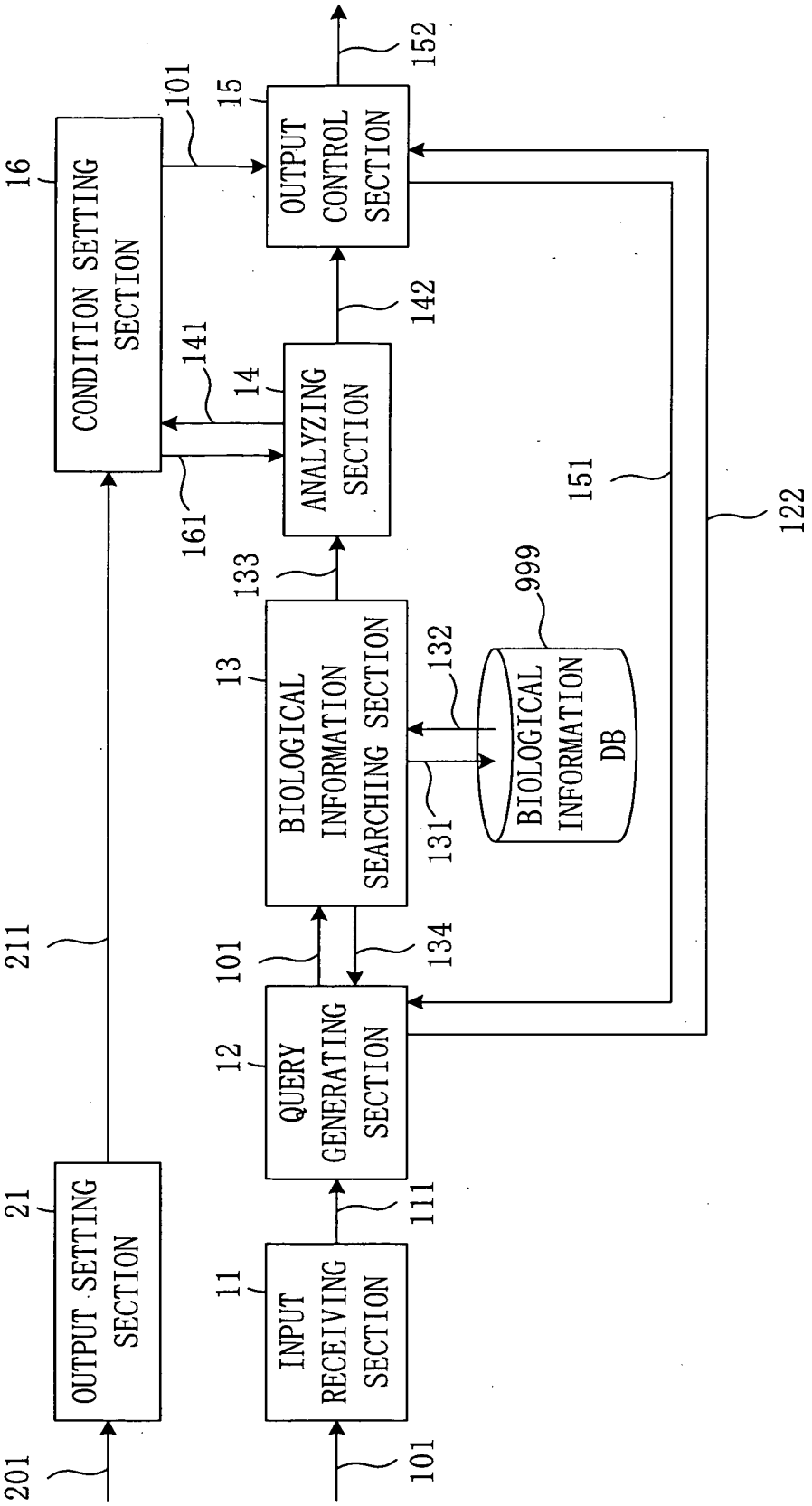
FIG. 15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13
133
132
131
BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION DB
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ANALYZING SECTION
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161
CONDITION SETTING SECTION
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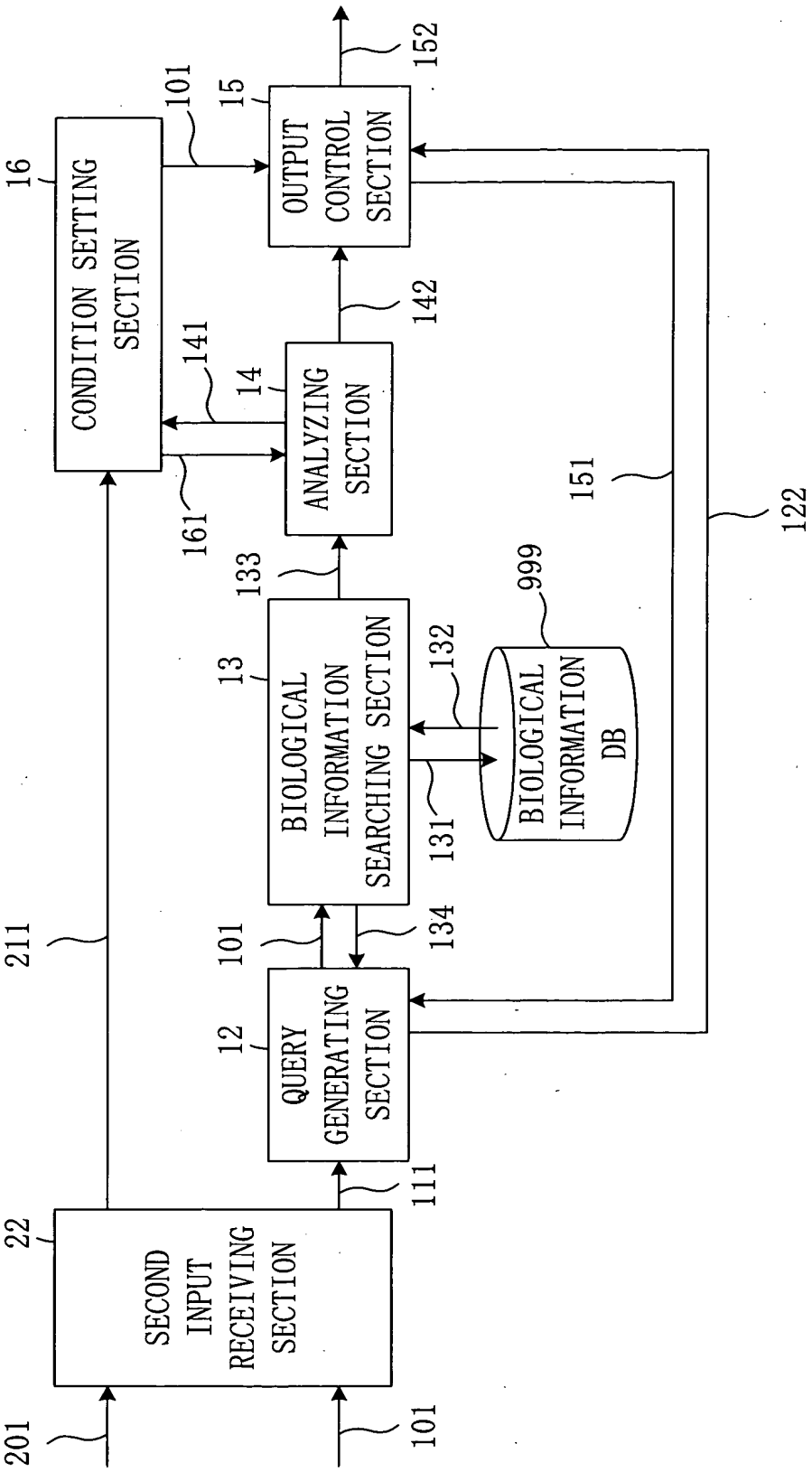
101
OUTPUT CONTROL SECTION
15
152
151
122

FIG. 16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131
132
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BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION DB
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CONDITION SETTING SECTION
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OUTPUT CONTROL SECTION
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FIG. 17

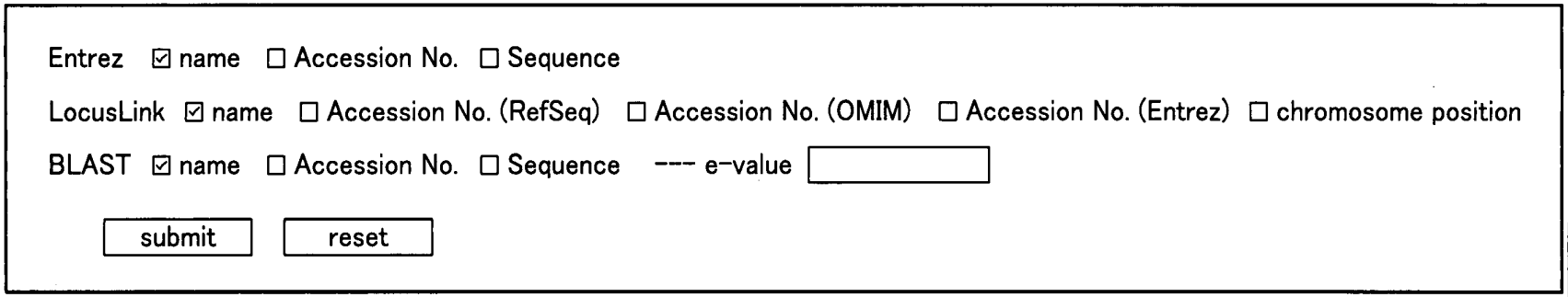

FIG. 18

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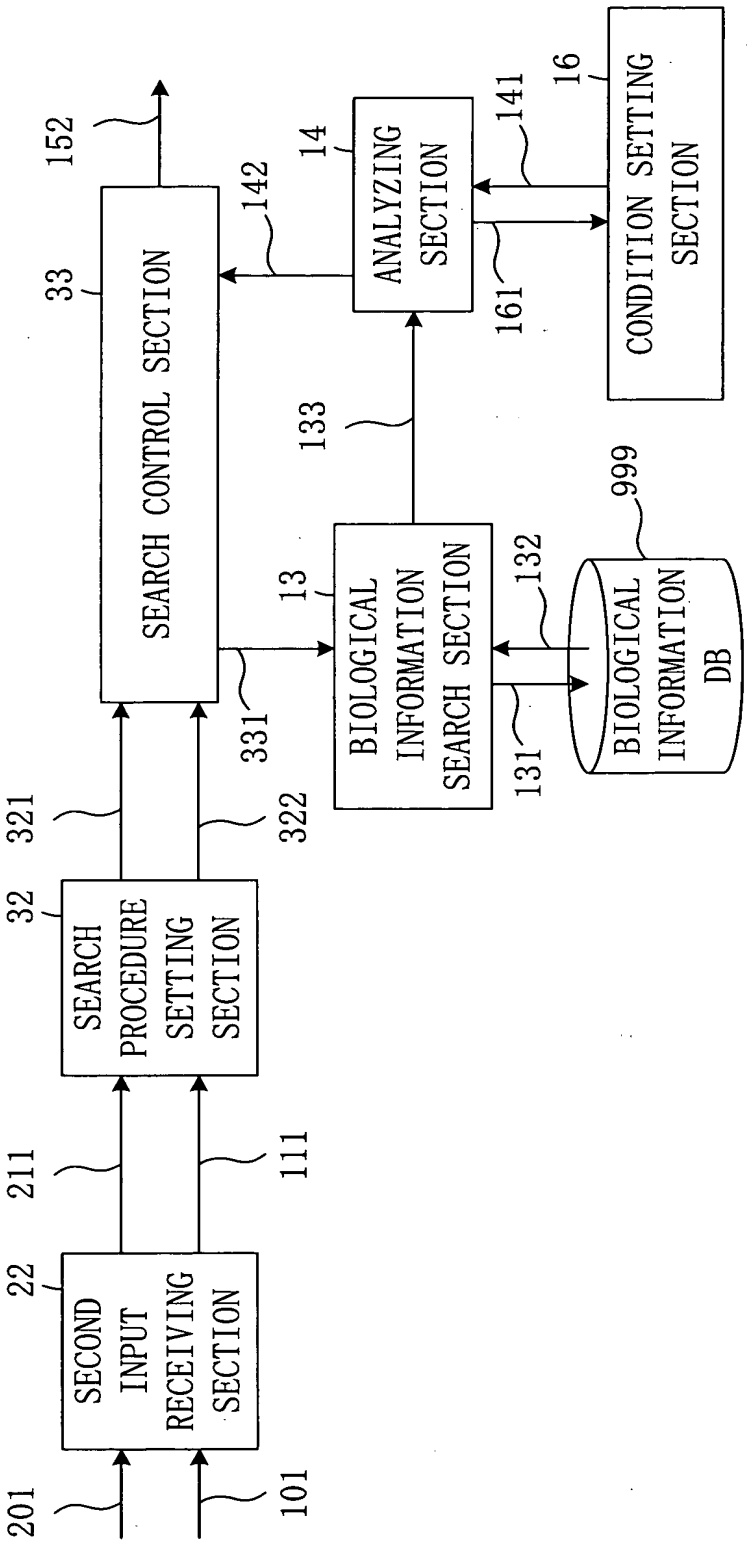
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32
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322
SEARCH CONTROL SECTION
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152
331
BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION SEARCH SECTION
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ANALYZING SECTION
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142
161
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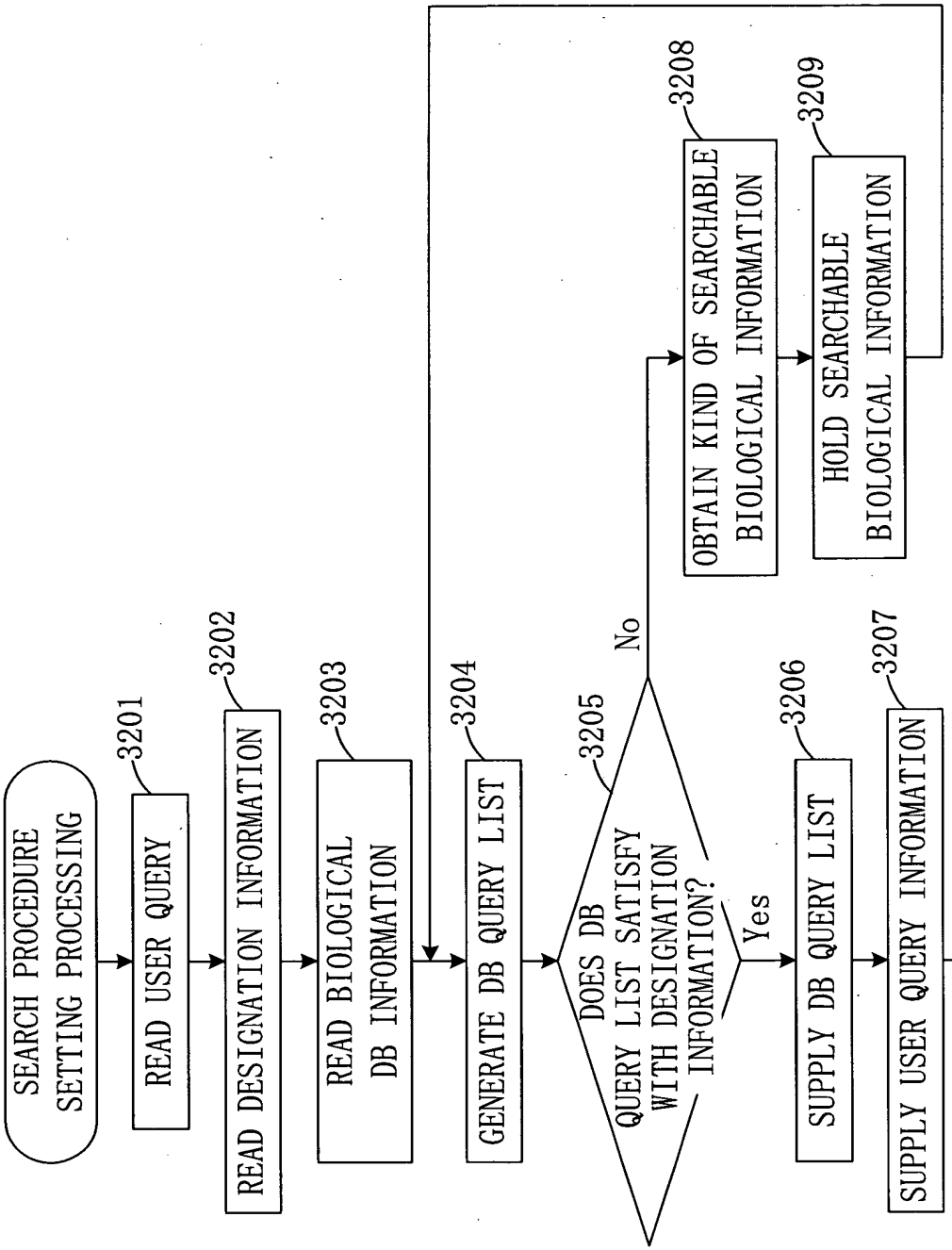
CONDITION SETTING SECTION
16

FIG. 19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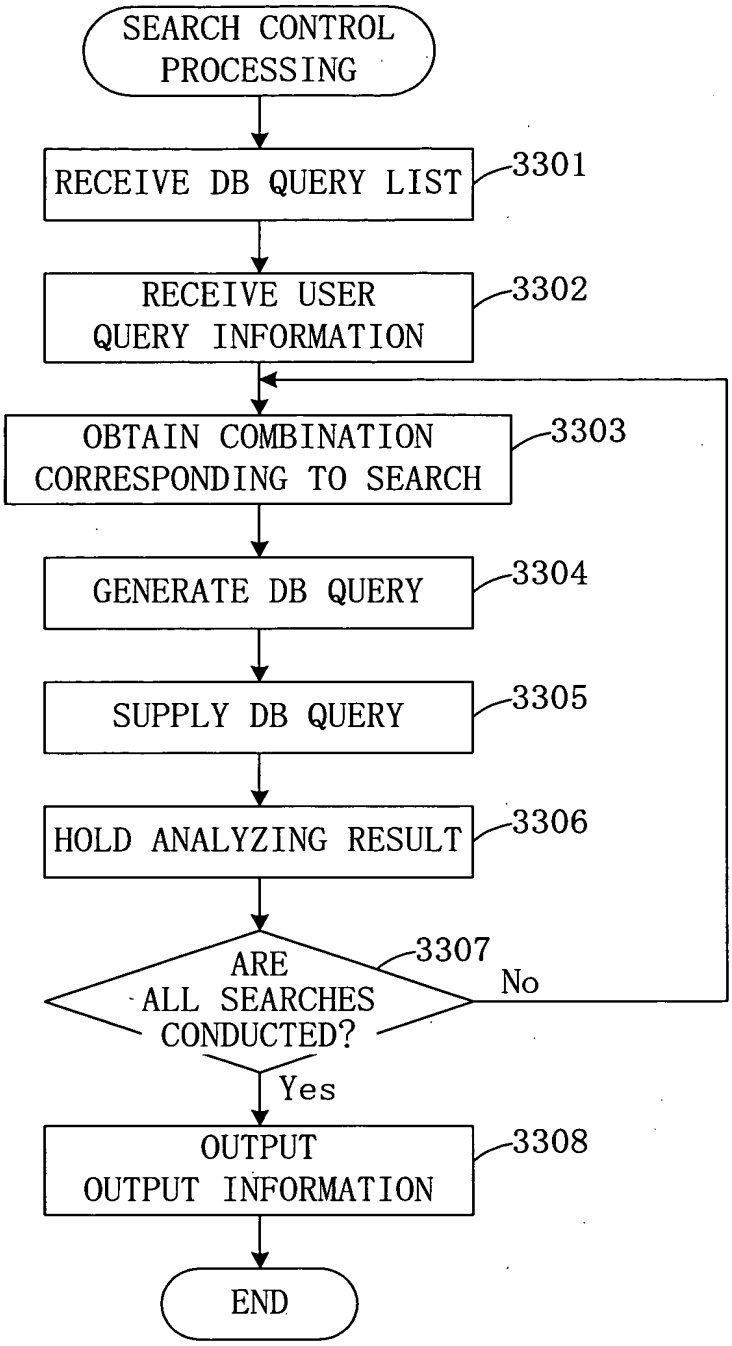
3201
READ USER QUERY
3202
READ DESIGNATION INFORMATION
3203
READ BIOLOGICAL DB INFORMATION
3204
GENERATE DB QUERY LIST
3205
DOES DB QUERY LIST SATISFY WITH DESIGNATION INFORMATION?
No
Yes
3208
OBTAIN KIND OF SEARCHABLE BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION
3209
HOLD SEARCHABLE BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION
3206
SUPPLY DB QUERY LIST
3207
SUPPLY USER QUERY INFORMATION
END

FIG. 20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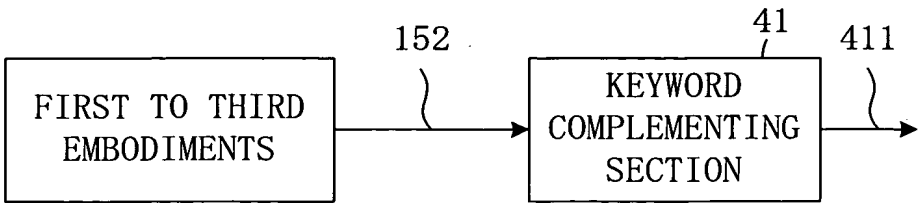
RECEIVE DB QUERY LIST
3301
RECEIVE USER QUERY INFORMATION
3302
OBTAIN COMBINATION CORRESPONDING TO SEARCH
3303
GENERATE DB QUERY
3304
SUPPLY DB QUERY
3305
HOLD ANALYZING RESULT
3306
ARE ALL SEARCHES CONDUCTED?
3307
No
Yes
OUTPUT OUTPUT INFORMATION
3308
END

FIG. 21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KEYWORD COMPLEMENTING SECTION
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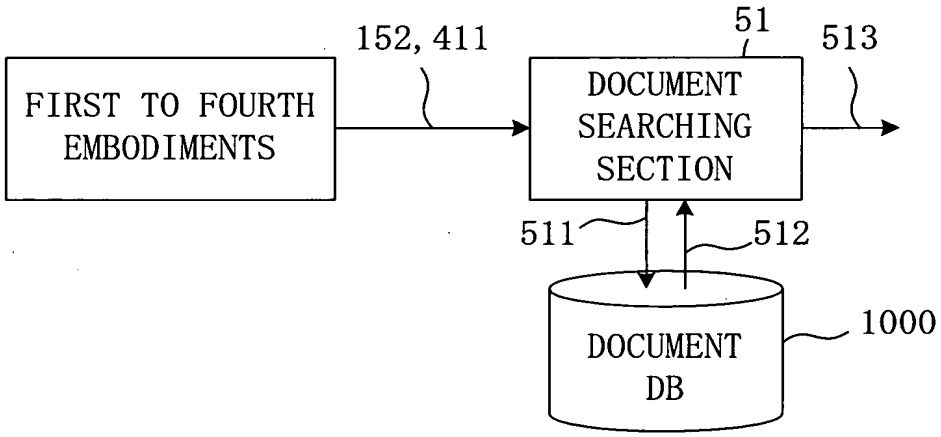
FIG. 22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DOCUMENT DB
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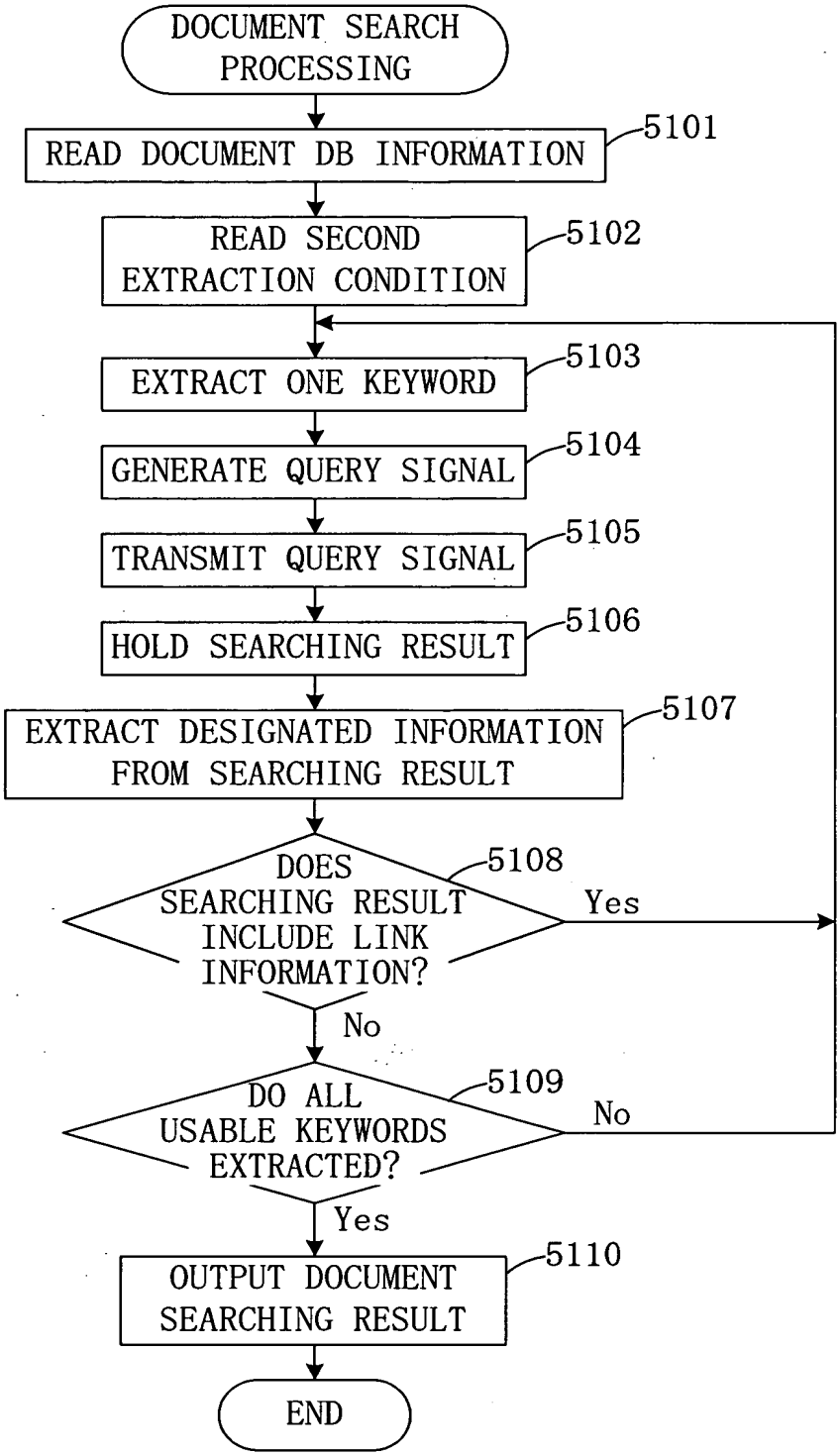
FIG. 23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READ DOCUMENT DB INFORMATION
5101
READ SECOND EXTRACTION CONDITION
5102
EXTRACT ONE KEYWORD
5103
GENERATE QUERY SIGNAL
5104
TRANSMIT QUERY SIGNAL
5105
HOLD SEARCHING RESULT
5106
EXTRACT DESIGNATED INFORMATION FROM SEARCHING RESULT
5107
DOES SEARCHING RESULT INCLUDE LINK INFORMATION?
5108
Yes
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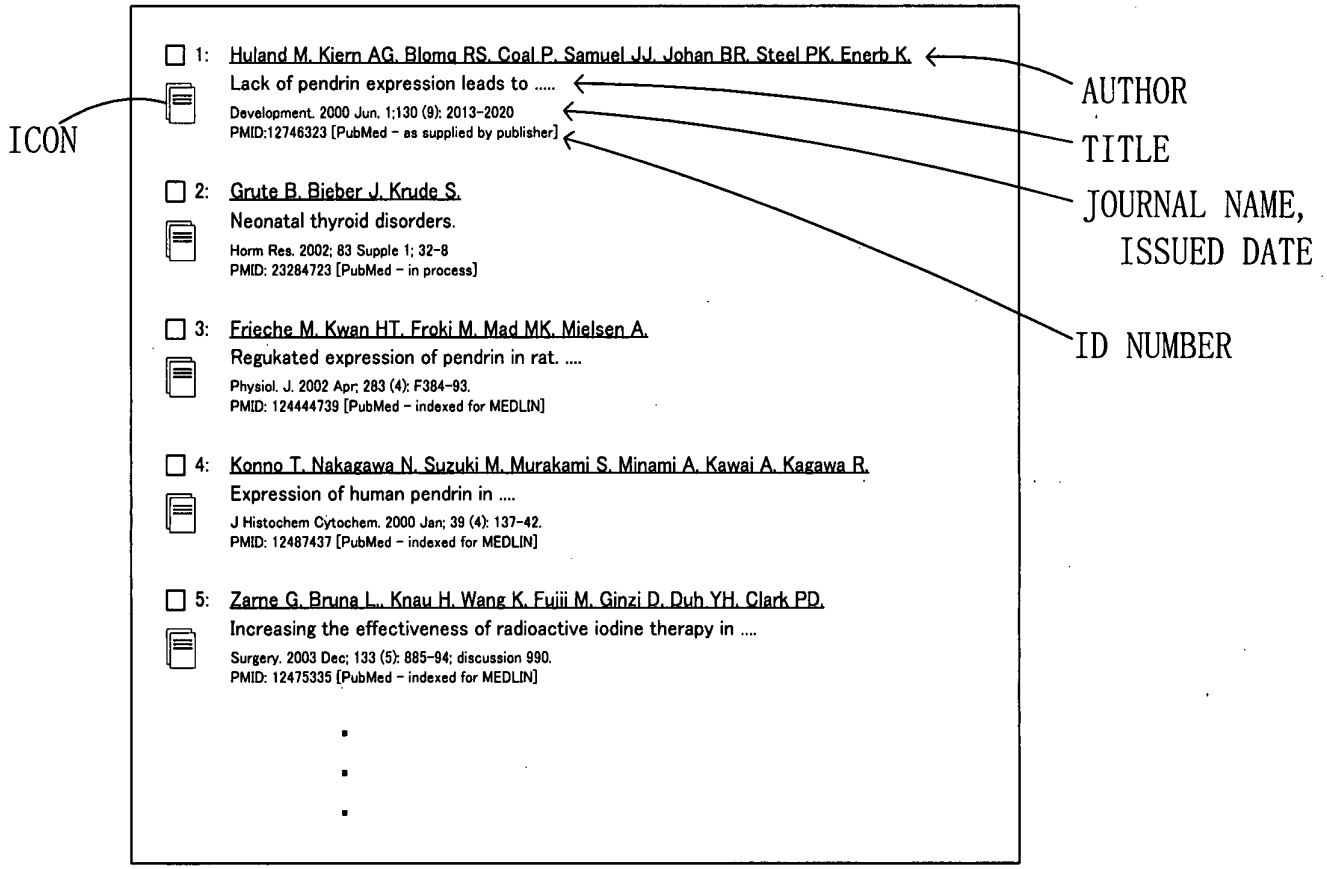
DO ALL USABLE KEYWORDS EXTRACTED?
5109
No
Yes
OUTPUT DOCUMENT SEARCHING RESULT
5110
END

FIG. 24



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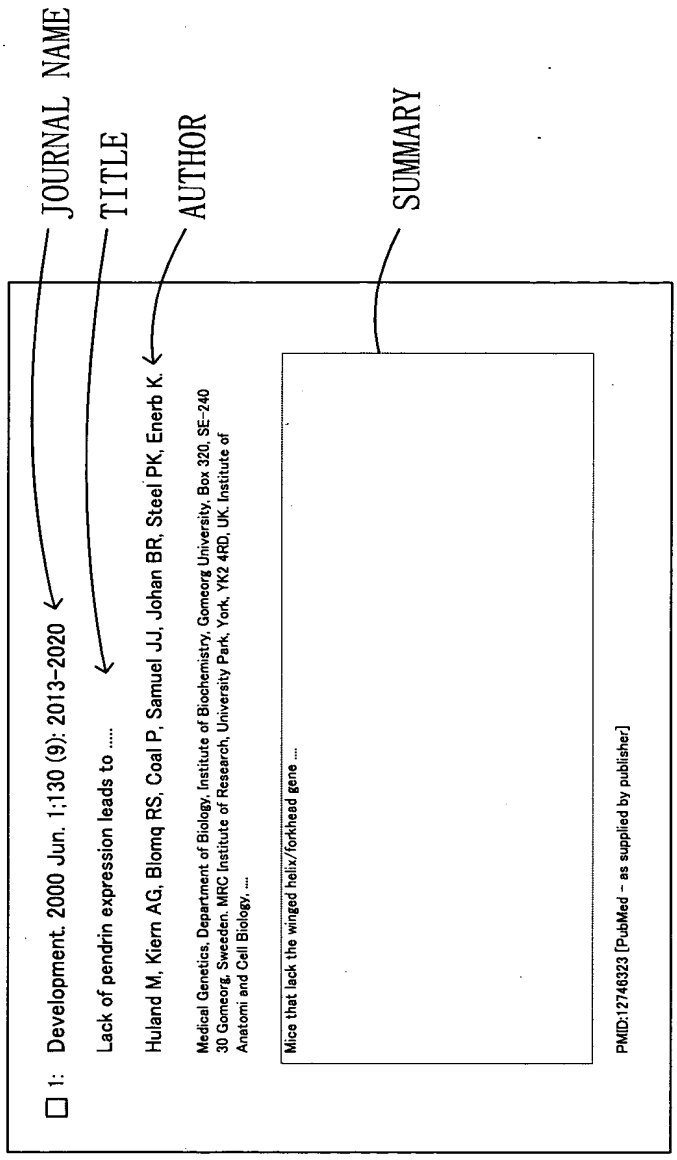
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FIG. 26

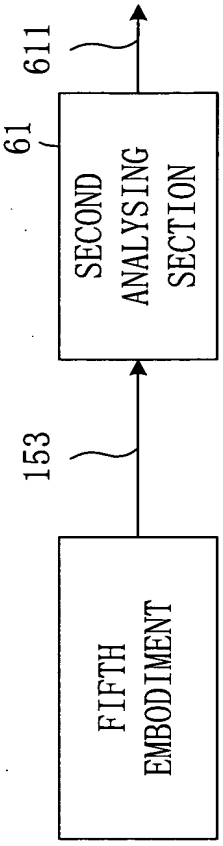
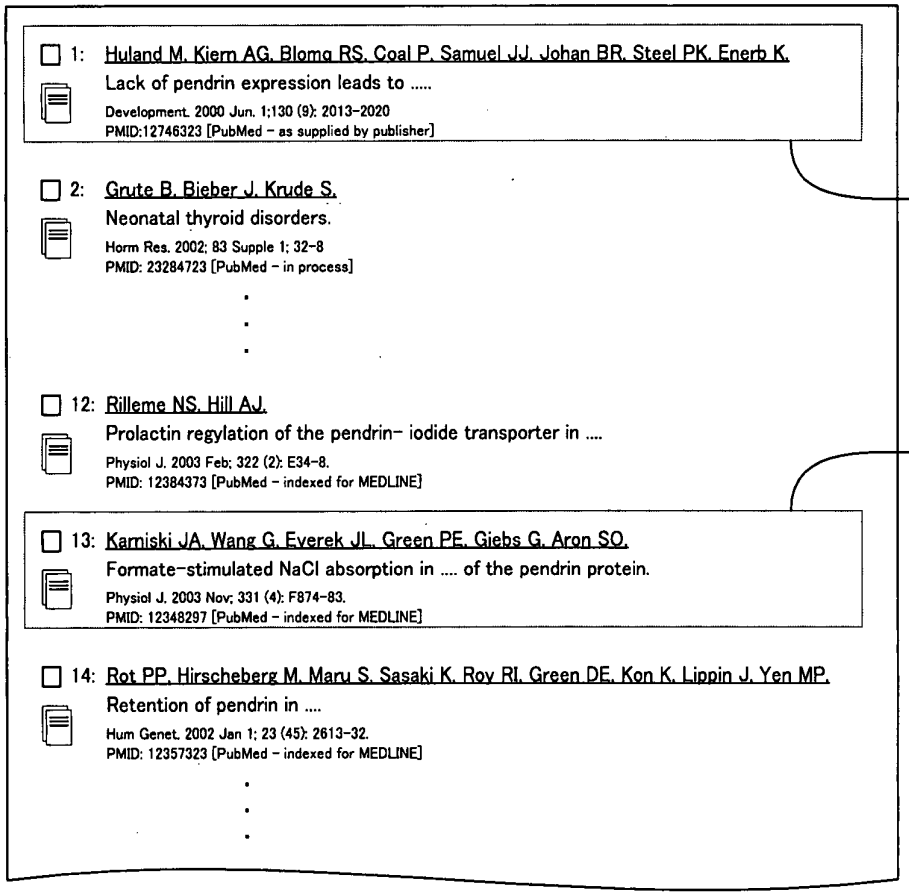


FIG. 27



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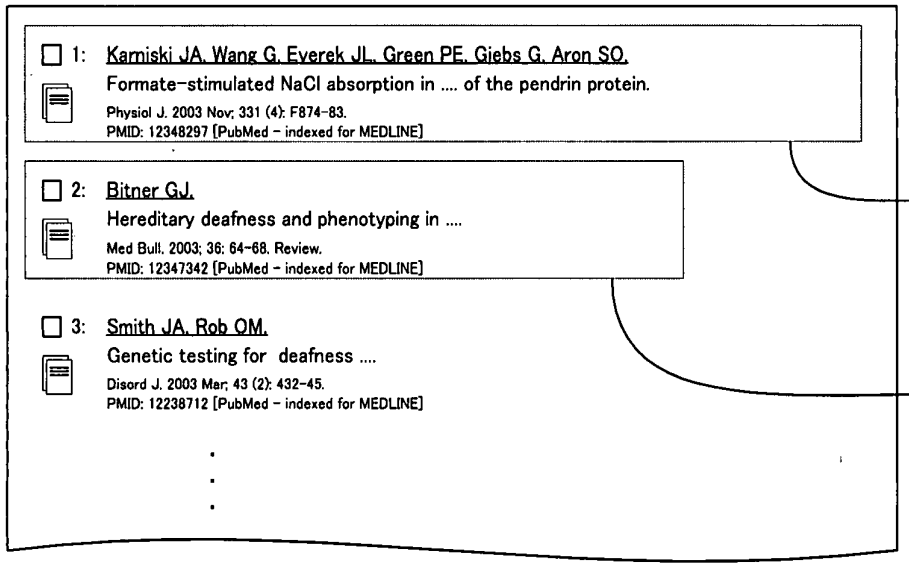

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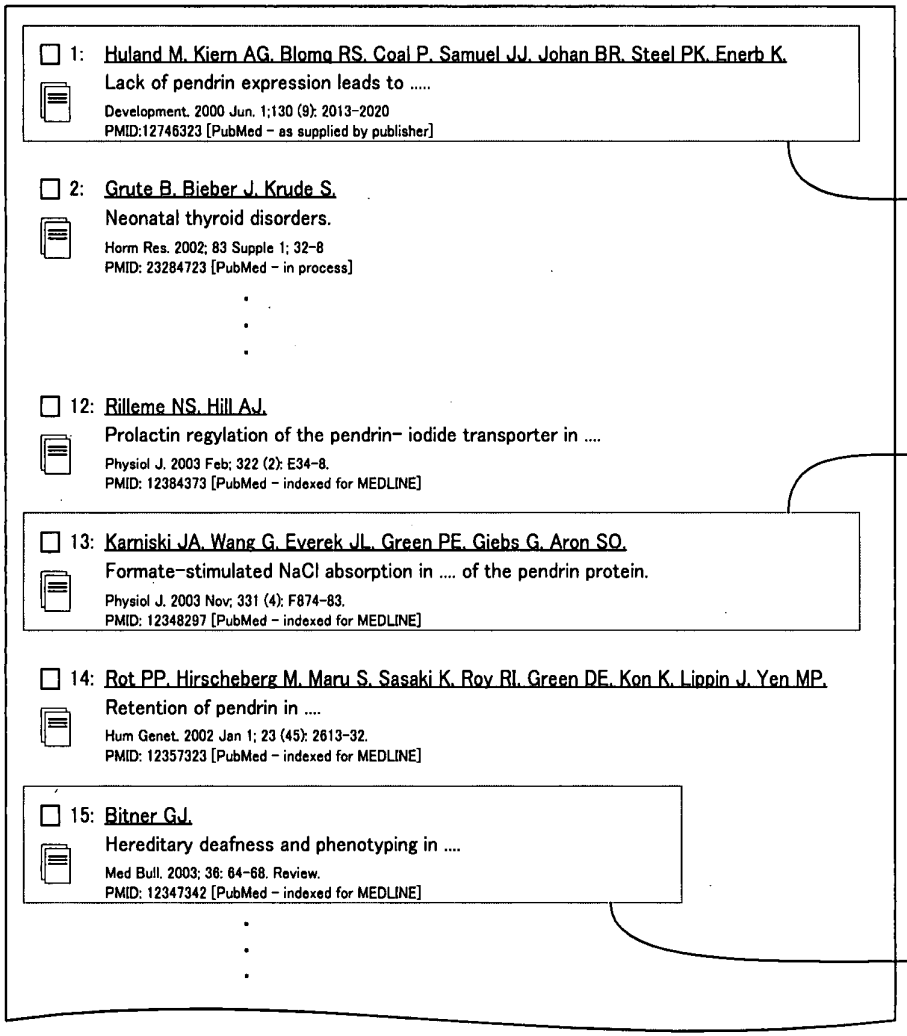

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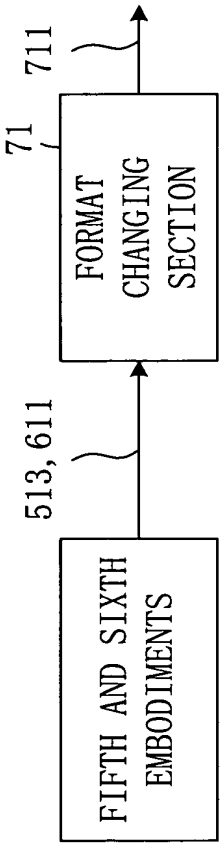
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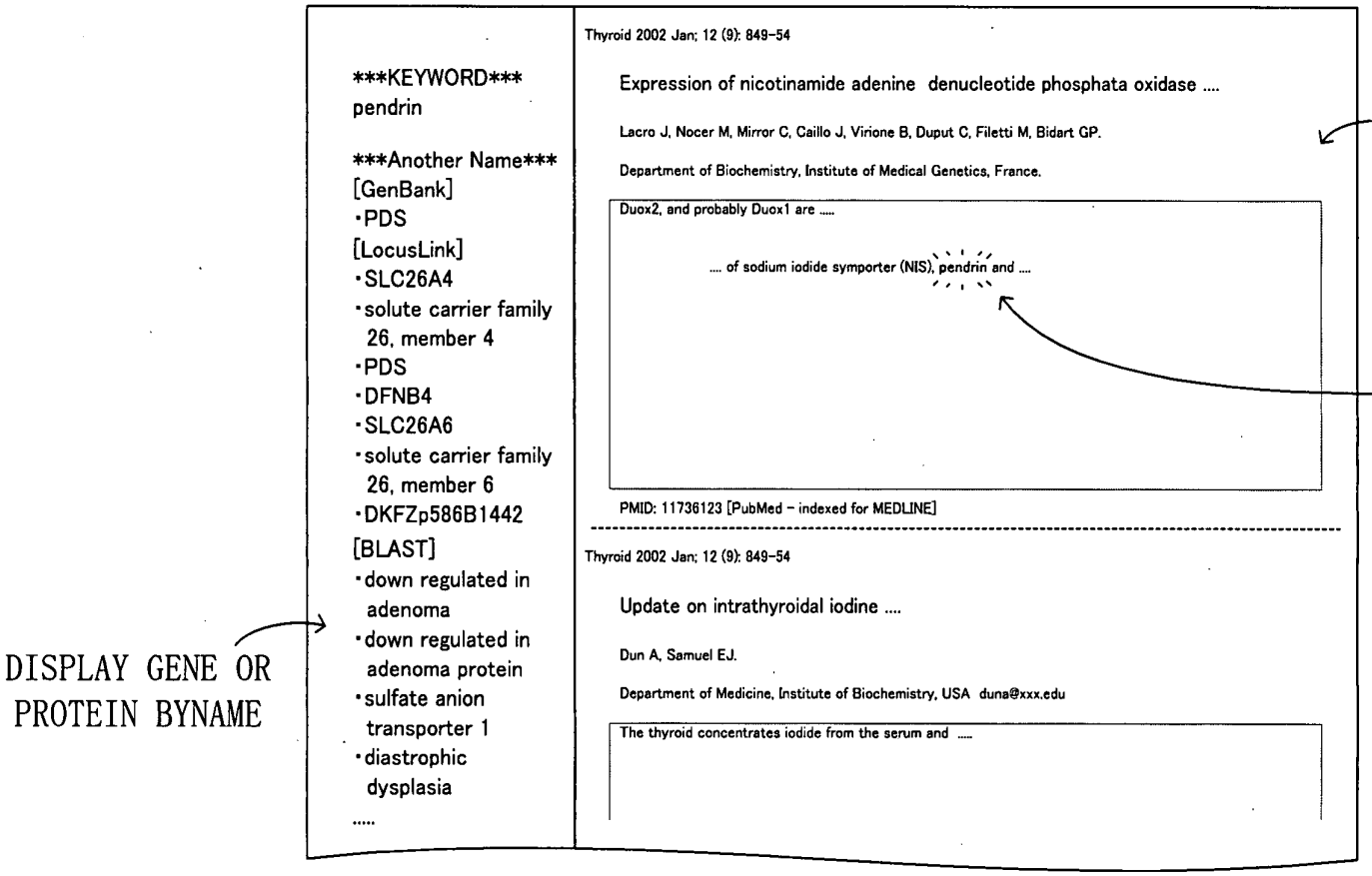

FIG. 32